

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

12 CV 2019

RAYMOND GREEN,

Plaintiff,

-against-

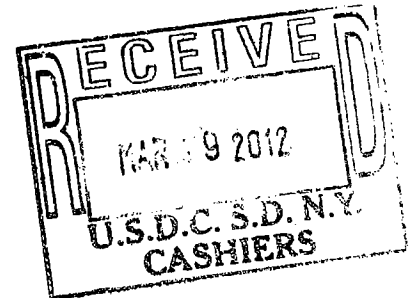
THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
BETZAYDA FRATICELLI,  
and JOHN and JANE DOES,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This is a civil rights action in which the plaintiff seeks relief for the defendants' violation of rights secured by the Civil Rights Act of 1871, 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, and by the United States Constitution, including its Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments. The plaintiff seeks damages, both compensatory and punitive, affirmative and equitable relief, an award of costs and attorneys' fees, and such other and further relief as this court deems equitable and just.

JURISDICTION

2. This action is brought pursuant to the Constitution of the United States, including its Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments, and pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Jurisdiction is conferred upon this court by 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343(a)(3) and (4), this being an action seeking redress for the violation of the plaintiff's constitutional and civil rights.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

3. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on each and every one of the claims pleaded

herein.

### **VENUE**

4. Venue is proper for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (a), (b) and (c).

### **PARTIES**

5. Plaintiff RAYMOND GREEN is a resident of the City and State of New York.

6. Defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK is and was at all times relevant herein a municipal entity created and authorized under the laws of the State of New York. It is authorized by law to maintain a police department which acts as its agent in the area of law enforcement and for which it is ultimately responsible. Defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK assumes the risks incidental to the maintenance of a police force and the employment of police officers as said risk attaches to the public consumers of the services provided by them.

7. Defendants FRATICELLI and DOES are and were at all times relevant herein duly appointed and acting officers, servants, employees and agents of THE CITY OF NEW YORK and/or the New York City Police Department, a municipal agency of defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK. The aforementioned defendants are and were at all times relevant herein acting under color of state law in the course and scope of their duties and functions as officers, agents, servants, and employees of defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK, were acting for, and on behalf of, and with the power and authority vested in them by THE CITY OF NEW YORK, and were otherwise performing and engaging in conduct incidental to the performance of their lawful functions in the course of their duties. The aforementioned defendants are sued in their individual capacities.

### **STATEMENT OF RELEVANT FACTS**

8. On May 14, 2010, at or about 7:00 p.m., plaintiff GREEN was standing on a public sidewalk on West 114<sup>th</sup> Street, between St. Nicholas Avenue and Lenox Avenue, New York, New York.

9. Defendant police officers FRATICELLI and DOES arrived, seized plaintiff and handcuffed him. Plaintiff had done nothing which would justify his arrest.

10. Defendants transported plaintiff to a police stationhouse, where he was strip searched.

11. Plaintiff was detained approximately 24 hours until he was released without being prosecuted.

12. Plaintiff sought and received medical treatment for physical injuries to his wrists as a result of overly tight handcuffs.

### **FIRST CLAIM**

#### **DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND 42 U.S.C. §1983**

13. The plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

14. By their conduct and actions in falsely arresting plaintiff GREEN, by using excessive force against plaintiff, by strip searching plaintiff, and by failing to intercede to prevent the complained of conduct, defendants FRATICELLI and DOES, acting under color of law and without lawful justification, intentionally, and/or with a deliberate indifference to or a reckless disregard for the natural and probable consequences of their acts, caused injury and

damage in violation of plaintiff's constitutional rights as guaranteed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the United States Constitution, including its Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments.

15. As a result of the foregoing, plaintiff was deprived of liberty, suffered emotional distress, physical injury, humiliation, costs and expenses, and was otherwise damaged and injured.

## **SECOND CLAIM**

### **LIABILITY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS**

16. The plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

17. At all times material to this complaint, defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK had de facto policies, practices, customs and usages which were a direct and proximate cause of the unconstitutional conduct alleged herein.

18. At all times material to this complaint, defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK failed to properly train, screen, supervise, or discipline employees and police officers, and failed to inform the individual defendants' supervisors of their need to train, screen, supervise or discipline defendants FRATICELLI and DOES.

19. The policies, practices, customs, and usages, and the failure to properly train, screen, supervise, or discipline, were a direct and proximate cause of the unconstitutional conduct alleged herein, causing injury and damage in violation of plaintiff's constitutional rights as guaranteed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the United States Constitution, including its Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments.

20. As a result of the foregoing, plaintiff was deprived of liberty, suffered emotional distress, physical injury, humiliation, costs and expenses, and was otherwise damaged and injured.

**WHEREFORE**, plaintiff demands the following relief jointly and severally against all of the defendants:

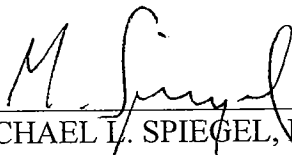
- a. Compensatory damages;
- b. Punitive damages;
- c. The convening and empaneling of a jury to consider the merits of the claims

herein;

- d. Pre- and post-judgment costs, interest and attorneys' fees;
- e. Such other and further relief as this court may deem appropriate and

equitable.

Dated: New York, New York  
March 19, 2012

  
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